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CHINA

Large New Petroleum Refinery Under Construction

A large new petroleum refinery complex, in early to mid-stage of construction, has been identified about 110 nautical miles (nm) west-northwest of Wuhan on small-scale satellite photography of [REDACTED] (see Map). Construction on this refinery complex has been very rapid, all of it occurring within the past 15 months. There was no construction in this area in [REDACTED]

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The complex consists of refining, storage, transshipment, and support areas. It is served by a rail spur off the completed portion of the Lo-yang to Lou-ti rail line. The new refinery will probably process crude oil from the Chien-chiang Oilfield, located 50 nm to the southeast.

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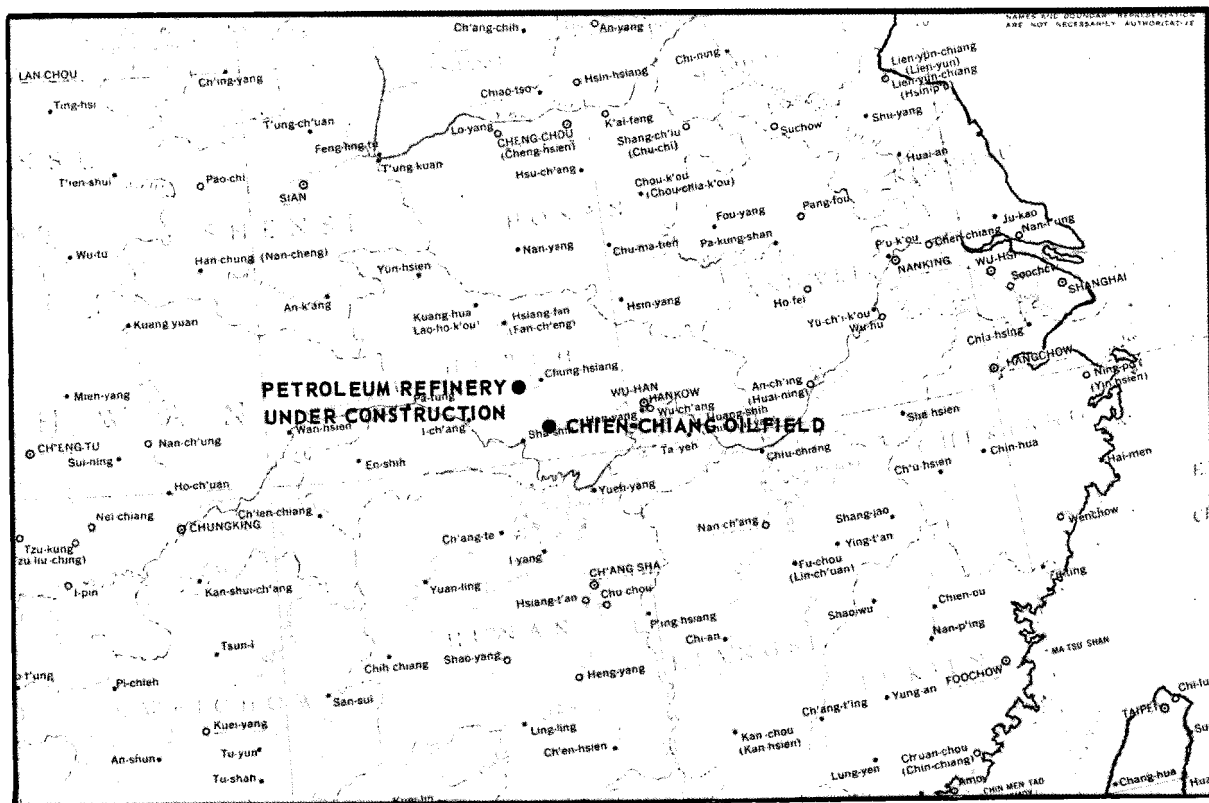


FIGURE 1. LOCATION MAP.

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Construction Progress on the Wu-han/Chung-ching Rail Line

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[] photography shows that extensive rail construction has taken place on the Wu-han/Chung-ching (Chungking) rail line since the last previous coverages. Some of these areas had not been seen for []

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[] the western end of the line was serviceable for 107 nm north from Chung-ching and roadbed construction extended an additional 28 nm, to the limits of coverage (see Figure 2).

At the eastern end of the line, rail construction extended for 150 nm from Ku-cheng up the Han River Valley to An-kang. Much of this construction was limited to roadbed scarring and footings for bridge piers. Work camps and survey activity extended to the limit of coverage, about 20 nm south-west of An-kang.

Additional rail construction extended about 42 nm northwest from An-kang, to the limit of coverage. This will link with a rail line being built eastward down the Han River Valley.

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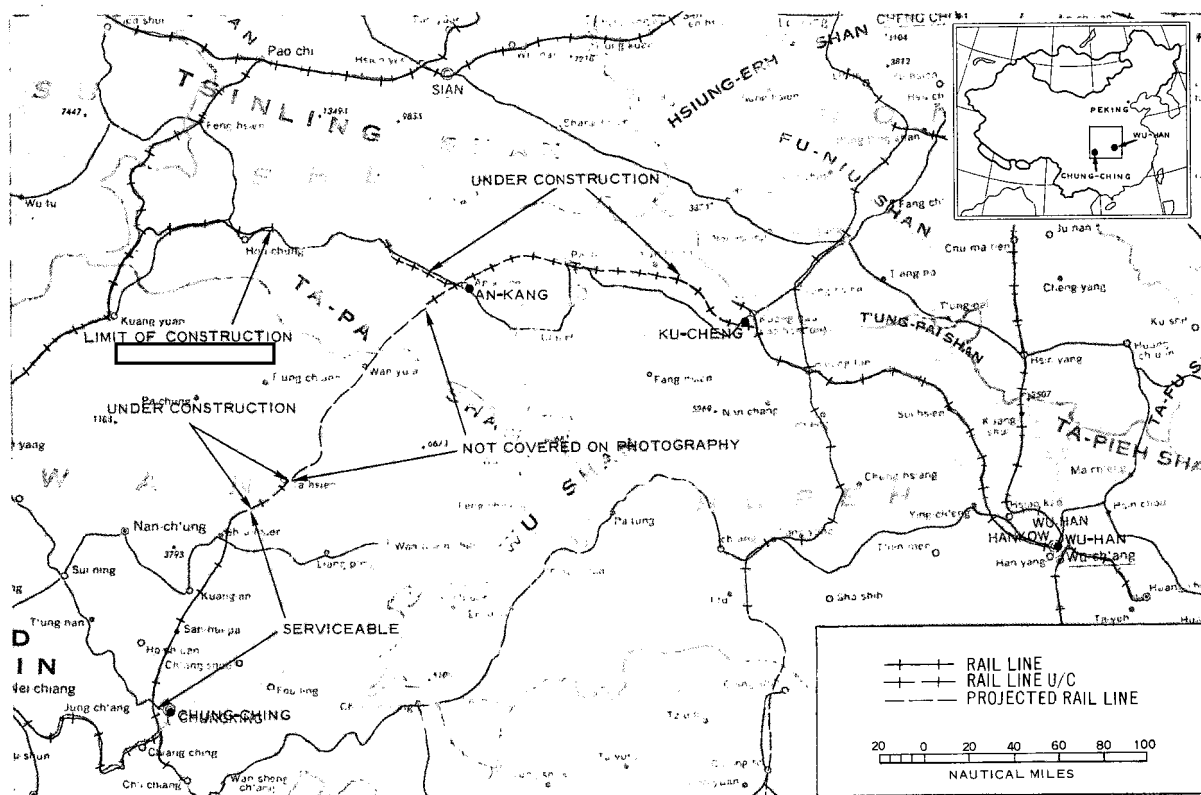


FIGURE 2. STATUS OF WU-HAN/CHUNG-CHING RAIL LINE, []

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